

SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



UNIFIED COMMAND TRAINING TIP

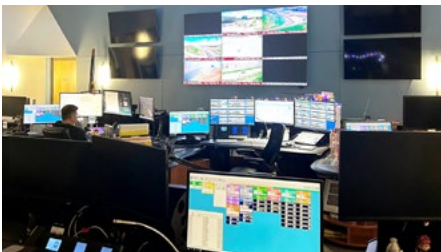
A Traffic Incident Management (TIM) best practice is to establish Unified Command, where the role of command is shared by two or more individuals representing different responder disciplines. Effective Unified Command results in:

- A collective approach to managing an incident
- Enhanced communication between all responding agencies and disciplines
- Efficient and thorough personnel and resource management
- Clearly defined individual roles and responsibilities, eliminating duplicate efforts

For more information and free training on the Incident Command System (ICS), visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) [ICS Resource Center](#).

! Use Unified Command at every crash. This prepares you for large-scale incidents such as community events, hazardous material spills, natural disasters and active threats.

WHO YOU GONNA CALL? NDOT! - AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE



An 8-minute training module was developed to summarize the resources available from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) and its State Operations Center (SOC) to support safe, quick clearance of roadway incidents. The module also covers how to notify the SOC of an incident and what to report so that you can get the support you need. This video is intended for all TIM disciplines, including our emergency communications partners.

Interested in integrating the module video into your agency's training software? Download the video .mp4 file from ShareFile and coordinate with your agency trainers, if applicable, to integrate it into your training platform (e.g., PowerDMS).

Learning Objectives

- Identify what resources NDOT has available during an incident
- Apply communication best practices for reporting roadway incidents to NDOT
- Recognize the importance of effective communication in incident management

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK (CRSW) - NOVEMBER 17-21, 2025

CRSW offers a unique opportunity for every TIM community member to make a difference in improving roadway safety during traffic incidents. TIM coalitions use this week to:

- Remind all road users to move over, or if unable to move over, slow down to give those on the side of the road room to work—whether aiding a stalled vehicle, clearing roadway debris or responding to a crash.
- Encourage all traffic incident responders to complete the [free National TIM Responder training](#).

To learn more about CRSW, please visit the [FHWA CRSW site](#).

If you are interested in participating in CRSW activities like social media messaging or organizing community events, please complete [this interest form](#).

SELF-ASSESSMENT OUTCOMES

Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit a survey response and participate in small group discussions for the 2025 TIM Self-Assessment. The information you provide helps to inform future Nebraska TIM efforts to meet statewide and regional needs. As we continue to review and analyze responses, several trending topics have emerged:



TRAINING

The foundation of the TIM program is the safety of responders and roadway users. A planned and unified approach to all traffic incidents requires training early in an employee's career, demonstration and use of TIM in the field and frequent refresher training. We understand that with high turnover rates and competing training priorities, this can be a challenging task. **We are developing a plan to offer more frequent training opportunities in each district** by collaborating with local trainers and incorporating Nebraska-specific content to enhance TIM training. Look for training opportunities on the [NDOT TIM website](#) or request a training session via [this form](#). Note: FHWA has plans to release a 1-hour in-service refresher training curriculum.



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Many coalitions have identified multi-disciplinary participation in meetings as an area for improvement. Coalition meetings are an opportunity to discuss TIM outside the heat of the moment, improving everyone's understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each discipline, especially when resources are limited. [Request TIM meetings](#) in your area and encourage your allied agencies to attend.




CONSTRUCTION COORDINATION

Many TIM partners expressed interest in receiving timely and relevant information regarding construction projects that may impact traffic. Improving coordination for emergency response efforts within work zones will enhance safety. This can be accomplished by continuing to promote TIM coalition meetings as a space for sharing important construction information and coordinating response needs among all affected disciplines. Additionally, complete TIM training in your area prior to the construction season to discuss traffic management capabilities during construction, protocols for responding to crashes in the work zone and responder safety.

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